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Minority Girls at University Level
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girls belonging to the minority communities studying at university level in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for the higher education of these girls in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): The 'All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)' for the year 2014-15, conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, shows that 6,95,261 Muslim and 3,50,138 other minority community females are enrolled throughout the country (data provisional). The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The Government is committed to enhance the participation of minority girls in education. In order to promote participation of minorities at all levels of education, priority is given to Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) in Central Schemes, for instance, Establishment of Model Degree Colleges, Women Hostels and Polytechnics. Under the Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, funds are provided for construction of educational institutions for imparting higher education in identified Minority Concentration Blocks/ Towns. Further, additional class rooms, laboratories and libraries have been sanctioned for Degree Colleges. Besides, the Ministry of Human Resource Development grants scholarship to students belonging to reserved categories/weaker sections including minorities on the basis of merit under the Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) gives concessions in setting up new technical institutions under the category of minority institutions to encourage minorities to establish new educational institutions and thus enable easy access to technical education to minority students in the country. AICTE has launched a Scheme titled 'Pragati' in November, 2014 for providing

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has the following schemes for the benefit of minority communities:-

1. Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and Minority Community Students;

2. Coaching for National Eligibility Test (NET)/State Eligibility Test(SET) for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and minority community students;

3. Coaching Classes for entry into services SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and minority community students;

4. Coaching Classes for Residential for Minorities/SC/ST and Women.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements post-matric scholarship schemes for Class XI to Ph.D., Merit-Cum-Means (MCM) scholarships for professional and technical courses for higher education of minorities and provides Maulana Azad National Fellowships to Minority students pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D in universities/colleges. Under the 'Padho Pardesh Scheme' of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, interest subsidy on educational loan for overseas studies is provided while under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme, coaching is given to the minority students to empower them and prepare them for competitive examinations, so that their participation in government and private jobs improves. In all these schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, a minimum 30% of the seats are earmarked for girls.

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